

ABSTRACT

G-IA-188

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(190)
Salisbury, Pennsylvania vicinity
Public/private

1767 (mound), 1902 (monument)

Milestone No. ---(190) and its mound of stones on the western slope of Meadow Mountain mark Mason and Dixon's 17⁴th mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, the English provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The monument is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 10 inches high above the mound; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when the site was originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 (when the new monument was added to the center of the mound during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, replacing the original wood post, no longer there). The ^{original} mound, also in excellent condition, measures about 10 feet in diameter by about 2 feet high at the center. On the national and state levels, No. ---(190) and its mound are significant primarily as being among the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as among the some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, they are also significant symbolically for their identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE, Post and Pile of Stone

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 190)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of Meyersdale Road/T-496

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY
MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument and mound only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME

State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

G-IA-188 entered 9/4/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21401

CONDITION (monument & mound)		CHECK ONE (monument & mound)	CHECK ONE (monument & mound)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT ___ GOOD ___ FAIR	___ DETERIORATED ___ RUINS ___ UNEXPOSED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED ___ ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE ___ MOVED DATE _____

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. --- (190) and its ^{loose} mound of stones mark Mason and Dixon's 174th mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line.. The monument was a new dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top when added to the mound in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 10 inches high above the mound; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when the site was originally surveyed and marked with a cairn), and 1902 on the west side. The mound, also in excellent condition, is the remains of the original cairn, measures about 10 feet in diameter by about 2 feet high at the center, where the monument replaced the original wood post ^{by then} long gone.

The area here is the ^{high, remote, stoney,} densely forested western slope of Meadow Mountain. The site is within Election District 3 of Garrett County, MD, and Elk Lick Township of Somerset County, PA; about 2 miles south-southeast of the town of Salisbury; about 2½ miles north of the scattered settlement of Piney Grove, MD; at a point about halfway between Meadow Mountain ridge and Meadow Run; at a point about 3400 feet west of Meyersdale Road/T-496 and about 50 feet south of the pipeline under construction, in the woods, flanked by two young trees and obscured by woodland debris shoved almost to the site from work along the pipeline. It cannot be seen from any road or the pipeline, though rather easily from a woodland trail south ^{the site} of and paralleling the pipeline. The site is protected by this remoteness and obscurity, but perhaps not from ^{pipeline} logging operations.

The monument, as with all 1902 monuments set west of Sideling Hill, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground, eliminating the need for a concrete foundation. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex are all clear and intact, though the stone surfaces are mottled with lichen. The mound is so camouflaged by woodland debris and no official identification, it could easily disappear unintentionally by the pipeline clearing and logging operations.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of
 CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY the various kinds of monuments
 set during the 1900-03 Resurvey, and the original Mason and Dixon cairns)

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			boundary surveying	

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (mound) ~~1767 (mound)~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (monument) ~~1902 (monument)~~ SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Avilton (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1947 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

NOTE: LOCATION NOT SHOWN ON QUADRANGLE (see 1900-03 Resurvey engineer's map Plate LXIV)

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 66586 (approx.), northing 439853 (approx.)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE MarylandCOUNTY GarrettSTATE PennsylvaniaCOUNTY Somerset**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

10/11/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

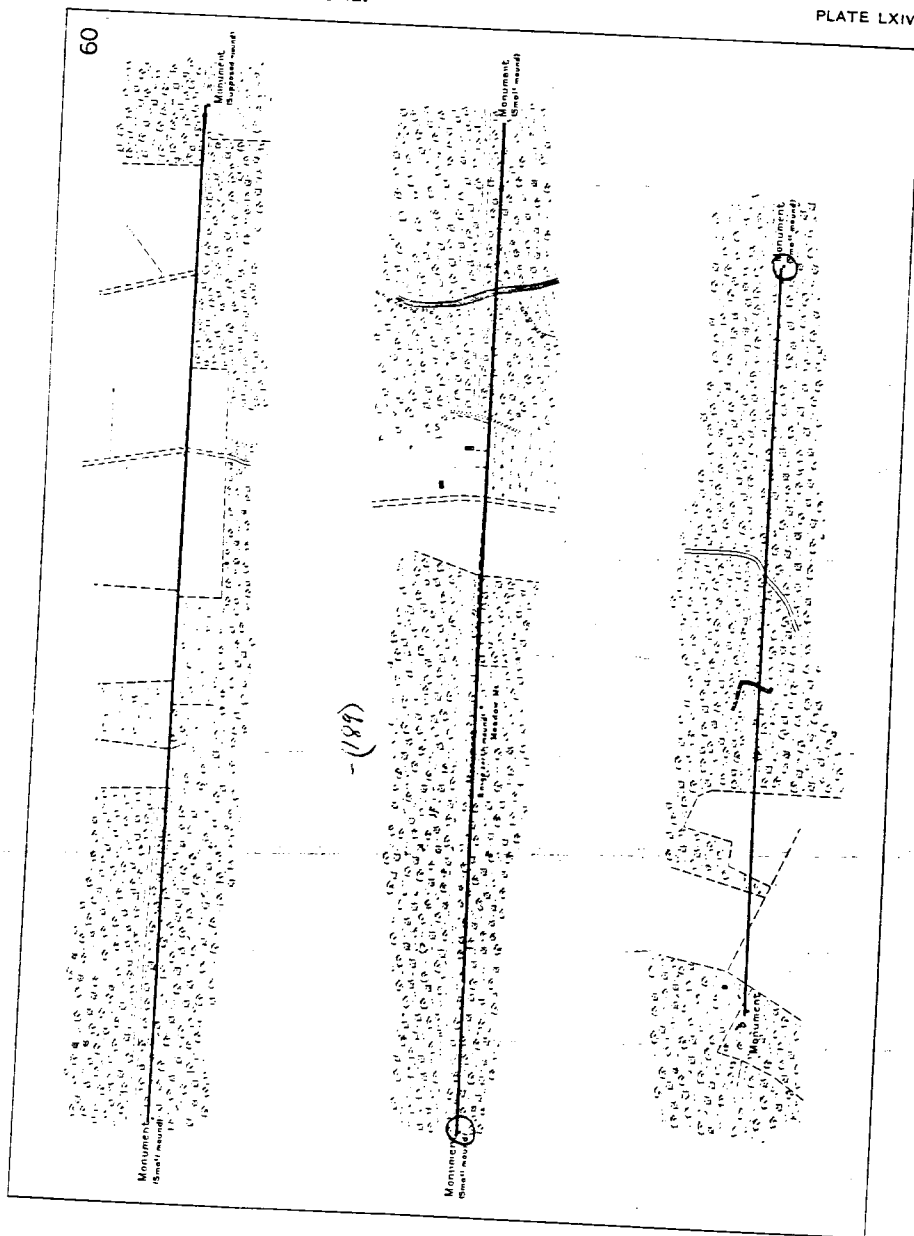
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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 MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. — (190)

RESURVEY OF MASON-DIXON LINE.

PLATE LXIV.



MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, VOL. VII. BALTIMORE: JOHNS HOPKINS PRESS, 1908.

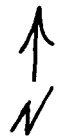
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MASON EDIXON WESTLINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS!

AVILTON QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1947 PHOTO REV. 1974

SCALE: 1"=2000'

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY



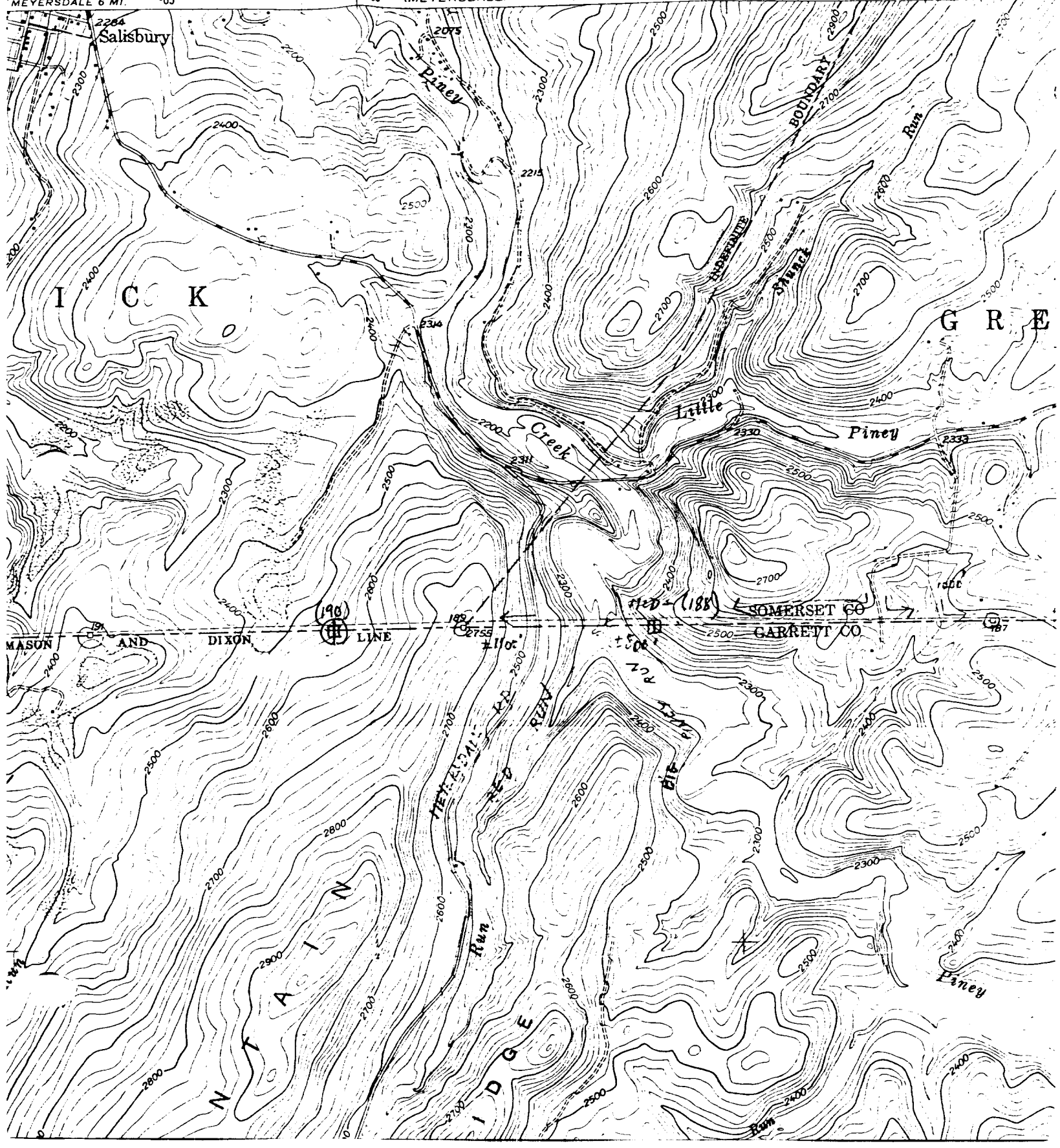
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TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY

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MEYERSDALE 6 MI.

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669 230000 FEET





NOTE

MAISON D'INDIENNEST - NE 1/4 - 30342
STORE + LAKESIDE 2200 - 30342 1/2 - 30342 1/2
WEST OF NE CORNER OF 4200 - 4200
NE CORNER (2000 - 2000)

DIARY
PHOTO ALICE MARTIN 10/1/51 (PR. 23.3)
(NOTES ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES)

(Consult Handbook of Geological Survey for
Native Nighttime & Print 1951. 43.4)



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PHOTOGRAPH MASON (1992) MAR. 20 1992
 (PHOTOGRAPH MASON (1992) MAR. 20 1992)

(consult Maryland Geological Survey for somewhat
 better negative of line. 1981.43.1)



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RED WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (190)

NE CORNER (1767/P) SHOWING MOUND, LOOKING SW

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/11/81 (1981.43.5)